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INFORMATION CIRCULAR*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: RAINFORESTS
STAMPS AND SOUVENIR SHEETS

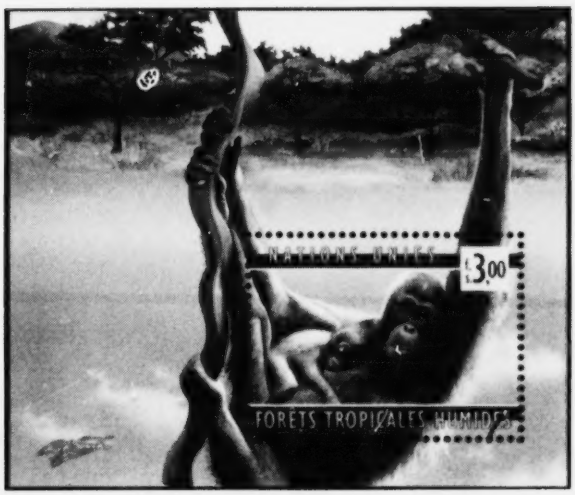
Commemorative stamps

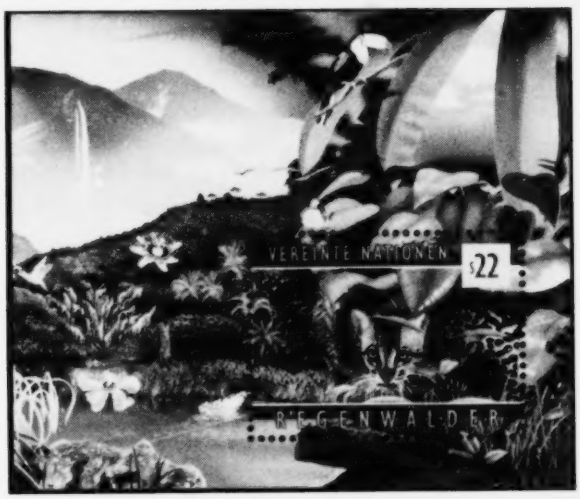
1. On 19 June 1998, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of three commemorative stamps and three souvenir sheets on the theme of rainforests. This issue also commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the World Health Organization.

2. The stamps and souvenir sheets, in denominations of US$ 0.32, SwF 0,70, S 6.50, $2.00, SwF 3,00 and S 22, were designed by Rick Garcia (United States of America).

(United States equivalents - SwF 0,70: $0.47; S 6.50: $0.52; SwF 3,00: $2.03; and S 22: $1.77 - subject to exchange rate fluctuation)

* Expiration date of the present information circular: 30 June 1998.





Maximum cards

3. The seventeenth set of maximum cards will also be issued on 19 June 1998. The three different cards, one for each UNPA location, illustrate the jaguar, the orang-utan and the ocelot, respectively. A single matching stamp will be affixed to the appropriate card and cancelled first day of issue for the respective office. The New York card is priced at $0.62, the Geneva card is $0.77, while the Vienna card is priced at $0.82, subject to exchange rate fluctuations.

General information

4. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first day covers on the UNPA official first day cachets only.

5. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain the new stamps, souvenir sheets and first day items on Friday, 19 June, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at the following temporary United States Postal Service substations:

(a) The counter outside the United Nations Bookstore in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter along the west wall of the north end of the Secretariat North Lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.